IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Howlid et al.

Serial No.: 10/552,795

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For: ACTIVE STEERING FOR MARINE

SEISMIC SOURCES

Group Art Unit: 3663

Examiner: Mark Hellner

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(WGEC0075)

Dear Examiner:

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2010, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 15, 2010, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Applicants have submitted via the Office's EFS-Web filing system fees for requesting continued examination [\$810 - see 37 CFR 1.114(a) and 1.17(e)], and believe that no other fees are due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3882/WGEC0075, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.